



## Critique of environment public hearing process in India with special reference to rights of the farmers

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### General Note



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India has adopted the concept of sustainable development. Many new development projects are given permission in India after Environment Impact Assessment of the projects. But still due to the advent of the projects many people are displaced and rehabilitated. Many farmers lose their fertile land. It indicates that effective participation of farmers in domestic environmental compliance and enforcement efforts is very essential, as it is one of the effective ways of protecting their human rights, right to environment. The right to participation allows people to be part of the decision making process through consultation and comments, and to have their opinion heard. When members of the public express their views on a proposed project, alternative views, otherwise not represented, are resented. This paves the way for the decision-making agency to be thorough in their analysis and thus brings quality and objectivity in the decisions. The present paper focuses on the critical analysis and evaluation of one of these participatory tools i.e. public hearing as part of environment impact analysis process in India with special reference to farmers. It critically analyses the efficacy of this tool in protecting the rights of the farmers in India. It evaluates the Public Hearing process in India with special reference to the farmers.